

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

Confirmation No.: 5040

Engel *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1617

Application No.: 09/523,455

Examiner: Carter, Kendra D.

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Title: Method for a Programmed Controlled Ovarian Stimulation Protocol

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to final official action dated August 14, 2009, and is timely filed, as it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time to file in the third month, and the requisite fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees in connection with this paper, including any fees for extensions of time or additional claims to Deposit Account No. 033975, Order No. 098501-0264671.

**Amendments** to the **Claims** begin at page 2 of this paper; and  
**Remarks** and **Arguments** begin at page 6.